

11. (Amended) The device of claim 9, and further comprising a head that can be shifted up and down the rod-like device and fixed in any desired position along the device at any distance from the thread at the first end, whereby the distance of the intercalated head from the thread at the first end can be selected to meet the particular requirements of any implantation site at the time of implantation of the device.

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12. (Amended) The device of claim 10, and further comprising a head that can be shifted up and down the device and fixed in any desired position along the device at any distance from the thread at the first end, whereby the distance of the intercalated head from the thread at the first end can be selected to meet the particular requirements of any implantation site at the time of implantation of the device.

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